

park in accordance with the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 635); to authorize the acceptance of donations of land for the development of a proper entrance road to the park; and for other purposes", approved June 5, 1942 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 16, sec. 404c-5), is amended by striking out "Upon the recommendation and approval of the Secretary of the Interior of a qualified candidate, the" and inserting in lieu thereof "The".

56 Stat. 318.
16 U. S. C. § 404c-5.

SEC. 4. The first sentence of section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to accept the cession by the State of Washington of exclusive jurisdiction over the lands embraced within the Olympic National Park, and for other purposes", approved March 6, 1942 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 16, sec. 256d), is amended by striking out "Upon the recommendation and approval of the Secretary of the Interior of a qualified candidate, the" and inserting in lieu thereof "The".

56 Stat. 137.
16 U. S. C. § 256d.

Approved April 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 224]

AN ACT

To transfer the Remount Service from the Department of the Army to the Department of Agriculture.

April 21, 1948
[H. R. 3484]
[Public Law 494]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in the interests of economy and efficiency, the records, property, real and personal, and civilian personnel of the Remount Service of the Quartermaster Corps, Department of the Army, are hereby transferred to the Department of Agriculture, effective July 1, 1948. Prior to that date, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a written agreement on the property and the personnel covered by this transfer.

Remount Service.
Transfer to Department of Agriculture.

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to receive the property transferred by this Act and is directed to administer it in such manner as he deems will best advance the livestock and agricultural interests of the United States, including improvement in the breeding of horses suited to the needs of the United States; the acquisition by purchase in the open market, exchange, hire, or donation of breeding stock, and necessary land, buildings, and facilities; the use of horses in the improvement of the supply of horses available in agriculture; the demonstration of the quality and usefulness of horses through participation in and lending for use in fairs, shows, and other events, or otherwise; the loan, sale, or hire of animals or animal products through such arrangements and subject to such fees as are deemed necessary by the Secretary to accomplish the purposes of this Act, and, in carrying out such program, the Secretary is authorized to cooperate with public and private organizations and individuals under such rules and regulations as are deemed by him to be necessary.

Administration.

SEC. 3. Until June 30, 1949, the Secretary of the Army may detail to the Department of Agriculture such military personnel, including officers in the Veterinary Corps of the Medical Department, as he may determine with the Secretary of Agriculture to be desirable to effectuate the purposes of this Act or to safeguard the interest of the United States. Notwithstanding the limitations contained in existing law, retired officer personnel of the Department of the Army, if employed by the Department of Agriculture for the purposes of this Act only, may receive in addition to their retired pay civilian salary to the extent that the total from both sources does not exceed the pay and allowances received by such persons in the permanent grade last held by them prior to retirement.

Detail of military personnel.

Retired officer personnel.

Appropriation au-
thorized.
Post, p. 1037.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture such funds as may be necessary to carry out this Act. The authority of the Department of the Army to conduct a remount breeding program is hereby abolished. Funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be available for necessary administrative expenses, including personal services in the District of Columbia, printing and binding, and purchase or hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Approved April 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 225]

AN ACT

April 21, 1948
[H. R. 4326]
[Public Law 495]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", approved July 1, 1898, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Bankruptcy Act,
amendment.
47 Stat. 1471.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 75 (c) (U. S. C., title 11, sec. 203) of the Act of July 1, 1898, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", as amended, be and is amended to read as follows:

Petition by farmer.

"(c) At any time prior to March 1, 1949, a petition may be filed by any farmer in the district court of the district in which he resides, stating that such farmer is insolvent or unable to meet his debts as they mature and that it is desirable to effect a composition or an extension of time to pay his debts. The petition or answer of the farmer shall be accompanied by his schedules. If any such petition is filed, an order of adjudication shall not be entered except as provided hereinafter in this section."

Approved April 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 229]

AN ACT

April 24, 1948
[S. 2038]
[Public Law 496]

To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals and to amend the Act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31), as amended, by adding another section.

Foot-and-mouth
disease.
7 U. S. C. § 391;
Supp. I, § 391 note;
21 U. S. C. §§ 112-115,
117-120, 130.
Research laborato-
ries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new section 12 reading as follows:

"SEC. 12. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to establish research laboratories, including the acquisition of necessary land, buildings, or facilities, and also the making of research contracts under the authority contained in section 10 (a) of the Bankhead-Jones Act of 1935, as amended by the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, for research and study, in the United States or elsewhere, of foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases which in the opinion of the Secretary constitute a threat to the livestock industry of the United States: *Provided*, That no live virus of foot-and-mouth disease may be introduced for any purpose into any part of the mainland of the United States except coastal islands separated therefrom by waters navigable for deep-water navigation and which shall not be connected with the mainland by any tunnel, and except further, that in the event of outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in this country, the Secretary of Agriculture may, at his discretion, permit said virus to be brought into the United States under adequate safeguards. To carry out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is authorized to employ technical experts or scientists without regard to the Classification Act:

60 Stat. 1085.
7 U. S. C. § 4271(a).

Live virus.

Technical experts.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.